



MR. WASHINGTON DUKE, OF DURHAM, N. C.

(From Raleigh Christian Advocate.)

Knowing that our readers would be glad to look upon his face and hear something of the man who has made such a grand gift to Trinity College, we give above a cut of Mr. Washington Duke and the following facts in reference to his life and character:

He was the founder of the great business of W. Duke Sons & Co., which business was begun by him on a capital of fifty cents, and was recently valued at seven and a half millions of dollars. The world is now their field of business—their names being known to the uttermost parts of the earth. The history of the rise and progress of their business sounds like a romance—more like fiction than fact.

Mr. Washington Duke was born on Little river, in Durham county, (formerly Orange) Dec. 20th, 1830. He was one of a family of nine children, all of whom have died except one brother, who resides in Tennessee. The family was of English ancestry. He was brought up as a farmer boy, his educational advantages being quite limited. He bought a small farm near Durham, N. C., where he made a comfortable living until he entered the Confederate army. At that time he had been married twice. He then had four small children, his second wife having died prior to that time. He sold all his property, put his three youngest children with his kindred, and he and his eldest son went into the army. Just before the close of the war Mr. Duke was taken a prisoner and imprisoned in "Castle Thunder." He was released at the close of the war, found at home, found his property all gone, and nothing but ruin and desolation. He had a \$5.00 Confederate bill which he sold for 50 cents in greenbacks, and on this began life anew. He secured a pair of army mules and some second-

hand farming implements, made a crop, he and his boys manufactured his crop of tobacco into smoking tobacco, and peddled it from his wagon in the Eastern part of the State during the winter. His first factory was a little log house, about 10 by 12 feet, and about seven feet high. In 1874 he removed to Durham, built a small factory on the site of the present one, and he and his boys from that have built the business up to its present immense dimensions.

Mr. Duke is a Methodist of the old-fashioned, genuine type. He joined the Methodist Church at Mt. Bethel in 1832—he has therefore been an active, zealous Christian for 57 years, all the time assisting as liberally as his means would justify in the building of churches and support of the ministry, and was probably the first mover in the matter of building a Methodist Church in Durham, N. C. He feels that whatever he has done in this line and the sacrifices made for the cause at many times during his life, have all proven blessings to him. He attributes largely his success in life to the observation of the Scripture text which he found on a card handed him by his Sunday school teacher when a boy 7 years old, namely: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," and which so impressed him that it has ever been fresh in his memory.

He is justly proud of his great business, and of his noble "boys." His son, J. B. Duke, is at the head of a business in New York with a capital stock of twenty-five millions of dollars. His sons, B. N. Duke and B. L. Duke, reside in Durham, the former managing the business there. The old gentleman is hale and hearty—a fine specimen of a man, full of life and humor, and full of good deeds. He has an elegant home with his daughter and son-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lyon, long may he and his "boys" live to bless the world with their wisdom and wealth, and when each one has filled out the allotted time to them in this world, may they form an unbroken family circle in the better and brighter home above.

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

...Judge Bynum was too sick to finish Caldwell court and says he will go back later and finish the docket.

...Young Mr. Vanderbilt will pay \$77,000 and not \$15,000 as first published, in order to have a railroad from Best to Biltmore, the new residence he is building.

...The Twin-City Daily says that about a mile from Winston, during a thunderstorm last Friday night, a colored child lying in its mother's arms was struck by lightning and killed.

...The Asheville Citizen says train No. 53, on the Western North Carolina Railroad, made the run one day last week from Hot Springs to Salisbury, 182 miles, in 4 hours and 39 minutes, including 14 stops. This was between 35 and 40 miles an hour and must have made the actual running time an average of 50 miles per hour.

...Forty-two Choctaw Indians from Robeson county, passed through Tuesday night on their way to Kansas. Eighteen of the crowd were adults. They said they were leaving North Carolina because "they could not make a living here. The cotton crops, their main dependence, have failed for several years and this has almost reduced them to want, and hearing such glowing accounts of the great West they concluded to try it."—Greensboro Patriot.

...Last Thursday evening Dr. R. A. Freeman was summoned to hold an inquest over a dead infant found in a creek near Mr. Jas. T. Barber's, ten miles north of here. A jury of six men: C. W. Hunt, J. A. Pickard, A. R. Kerndle, G. S. Summers, Joe Hughes and Freeman Sutton, were empaneled and from the evidence of physicians, Drs. Kennell, Jordan and Freeman, and Mr. J. T. Barber, found that the infant came to its death by being drowned by its mother, Lizzie Fuller, colored; whereupon Dr. Freeman, coroner, committed her to jail without bail.—Burlington News.

A Raleigh Man Shot and Killed.

The Columbia, S. C., papers bring news that James Henry Ferrell, of this city, was shot by Calhoun Price near that city Saturday night, and died of injuries Monday evening. Ferrell had gone to South Carolina to rebuild a saw mill near Columbia. He was driving a team home Saturday night, when in the darkness he drove into the rear part of a team ahead driven by Calhoun Price. This occasioned a quarrel between Price and two negroes in Ferrell's wagon. Ultimately the negroes and Price dismounted to fight the matter out, when Ferrell, going up to prevent the fight, was shot in the neck by Price. The latter fired a shot, and claims that he was defending himself from Ferrell, who was stooping to pick up a rock at the time he shot. Ferrell died of an ante-mortem statement of the fact that he tried all methods to save his life.

...Later on, following the shooting of S. H. Price, it is that Ferrell is not dead. He is reported to be improving, and is now in the hospital, Indianapolis. Instead of being organized as was first supposed, word having the left lung and cannot talk. Price was released.

A GOOD NATURED

Correspondent Thinks the Entrance Examination at Davidson as High as at the University.

(Special Cor. STATE CHRONICLE.)

RALEIGH, N. C., March 27, 1890.—Prof. Geo. T. Winston's article, "Ye shall know them by their fruits," will do much good. He is driving ahead and is on the right track, except however, he gets one car which should have gone on with the rest, side-tracked as it were, a position from which it may require his skill to put it right.

Referring to the splendid Graded School at Goldsboro, he says: "Pupils enter at six years unable to read and write. At fifteen they are ready for the Freshman Class in the University, the Sophomore Class in the colleges, or the Junior Class in the female colleges."

New good naturedly let me inquire, for the sake of accurate information if Davidson College is not here classed as among the "colleges," and if it is a fact that a boy who prepares himself for the Freshman Class in the University is at the same time prepared to enter the Sophomore Class at Davidson College.

From an opinion long held on the subject, as well as from a recent conversation with one of the foremost as well as most prominent and accurate teachers in point of scholarship, in the State, I was not prepared for information tending to place the standing of Davidson below that of any institution in North Carolina.

I am ready, however, to thank Prof. Winston for the correspondence as published by you.

It would be well to have the question agitated by such men from time to time. I am not called on to pay a great amount by public school tax but would willingly pay more. The State needs better public school education, and all the good graded schools that can be established.

ENQUIRER

The Marriage Bells A-Ringing.

The Clinton Caucasian says: Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, Mr. Joby W. Morisey, of Cumberland, to Miss Eliza Faison, of this county, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. William A. Faison. The ceremony was performed in a beautiful and impressive manner by Dr. B. F. Marable, of Mount Olive. The attendants were as follows: Mr. McBride with Miss Sadie Faison, Mr. Ryburn with Miss Lee, Dr. Spicer with Miss Brown, Mr. Cook with Miss Florence Faison, Mr. Mosely with Miss Micks, Mr. Leonidas Faison with Miss Von Ghlon, Mr. Morisey with Miss Shaw, Mr. Faison with Miss Morisey.

The Carthage Blade announces the marriage of Mr. W. K. Jackson to Miss Mollie Person, of Carthage, Rev. J. A. Hornaday officiating. After the marriage the happy couple drove to Prosperity, Moore county, where Rev. Mr. Hornaday united Mr. Wesley F. Craven, of Randolph county, to Miss Lelia L. Jackson. The attendants were Mr. W. J. Adams and Miss Nannie McGilvary; Mr. Henry Parks and Miss Nannie Moss; Mr. John Whisker and Miss Nannie Womble; Mr. John T. Harrington and Miss Cora Womble.

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By virtue of power conferred on me by a certain deed of trust, executed by M. L. Haynes and wife, which is duly recorded in Registry of Wake County, in Book No. 92, on page 723, I will offer for sale at the courthouse door in Raleigh, N. C., on Monday, April 7th, 1890 at 12 o'clock m., the property in said deed of trust described and known as the residence of said Haynes, located on North Swain St. between New Bern Avenue and East Edenton St., in the city of Raleigh, N. C. Terms of sale cash.

March 6, 1890.

B. F. MONTAGUE, Trustee.

Notice of Sale.

By virtue of authority given in a deed in trust from W. C. Woodlief, recorded in the Registry of Wake County, in book 104, page 241, I will sell on Monday, the 21st day of April 1890, at the Courthouse door of Wake county, a lot of land situated in said county of Wake and near the Fair Grounds, adjoining the lands of W. R. Crawford, Albert Williams, and bounded by the Chapel Hill Road on the North and Hot street on the East, and fully described in said deed in trust, which is hereby referred to. Terms of sale cash; time of sale 12 o'clock m.

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